



NEWSLETTER - Term 3, Week 6

27 August 2019

Kia Kotahi - Working Together For A Brighter Future

Dear Parents

We are just over half way through Term 3, and the second half of the term is starting to look fairly busy.

We are in regular contact with Mr Jensen as he prepares to leave England and return home. Members of the Board and community have been working hard on the school house, it has been newly decorated throughout the inside and is looking very smart.

Mrs McAskie is taking some extended family leave this term. She will be away from Tuesday next week until the last week of term. Mrs Howie has very kindly offered to step in and work in Room 2 while Karen is away.

Gymsport Festival

We have a group of children going to the Matamata-Piako Gymsport Festival on Thursday. The children have been practicing for a few weeks now and we wish them the best of luck. To help with the payment of the Gymsport fees the children will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on Friday at lunch time, sausages will be \$2 each and there will be fruit smoothies available as well.

Soccer/Hockey Fun Day

The Soccer/Hockey fun day is to be held on Thursday, 5 September at the Morrinsville Recreation Grounds. There will be a team of 10 children from Room 1 involved and we will need some keen parents to manage the team, as Mrs Cook will be away on family leave that day. There will be more information about this event sent home with the children who are involved.

Parent/Teacher interviews

We will be holding Parent/Teacher interviews on the 18 and 19 September. The interviews will be for the parents of children in Rooms 1 and 3. We will hold the interviews on those two days from 2pm till 4pm. Appointment notices will be sent out next week.

Decile Review

We are currently seeking a review of our decile rating from the Ministry of Education. Our current rating of '8' means that we will not qualify for the proposed government funding to cover fees and donations. If we are lowered to a '7' decile rating we would qualify for the proposed funding. When this comes in it would mean no one would have to pay fees or donations, and school camps would be heavily subsidised - this is an enormous benefit to all families at our school. The ONLY way we can do this is to prove to the Ministry of Education that the levels of hardship or housing difficulty amongst our families has increased since 2014, when it was last reviewed.

What we are required to do is have ALL FAMILIES fill out an anonymous survey that relates to housing, jobs and qualifications, and government benefits. It is not very long but it is VERY IMPORTANT. They are included with this newsletter.

We will be chasing EACH AND EVERY survey so please make our job easier by returning them to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Have a great week! Kiwitahi Staff

IMPORTANT DATES

Thu 29 Aug - Gymsport Festival
Thu 5 Sep - Soccer/Hockey Fun Day

Fri 30 Aug - Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Thu 19 Sep - Rm 1 & 3 Interviews

AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Jakob Cadman, Bentley Murphy, Jante Collinson-Samuels

MERIT CERTIFICATES

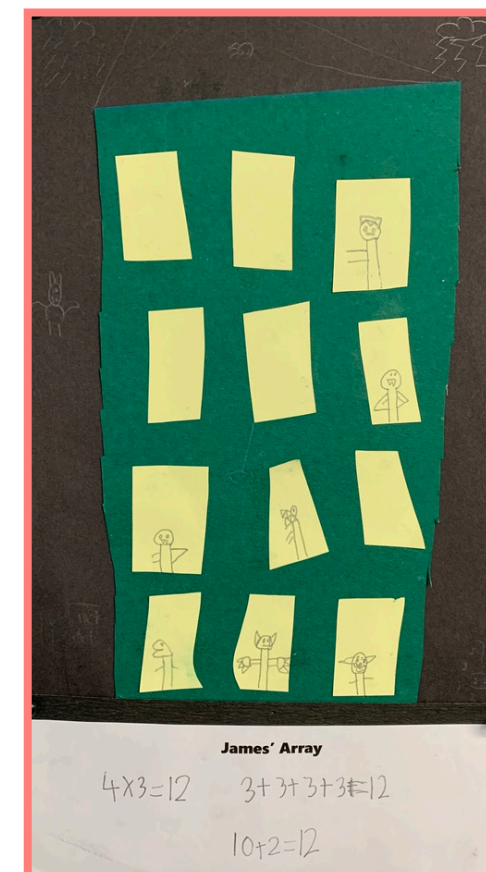
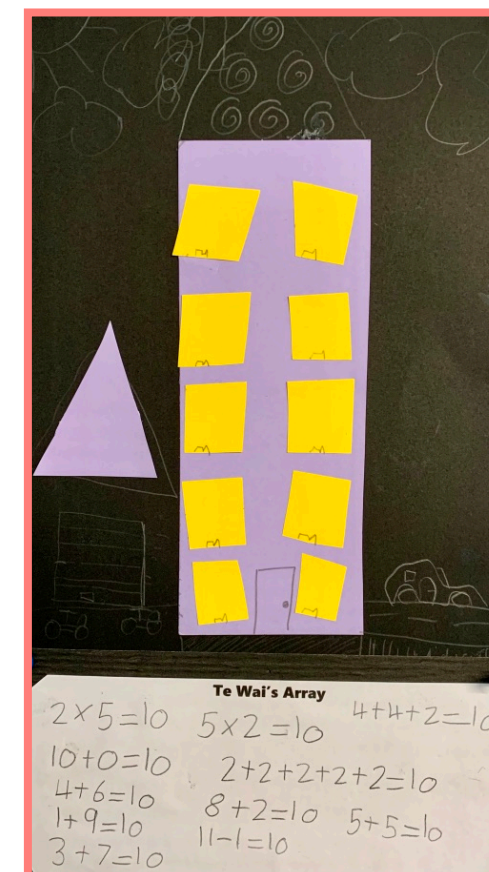
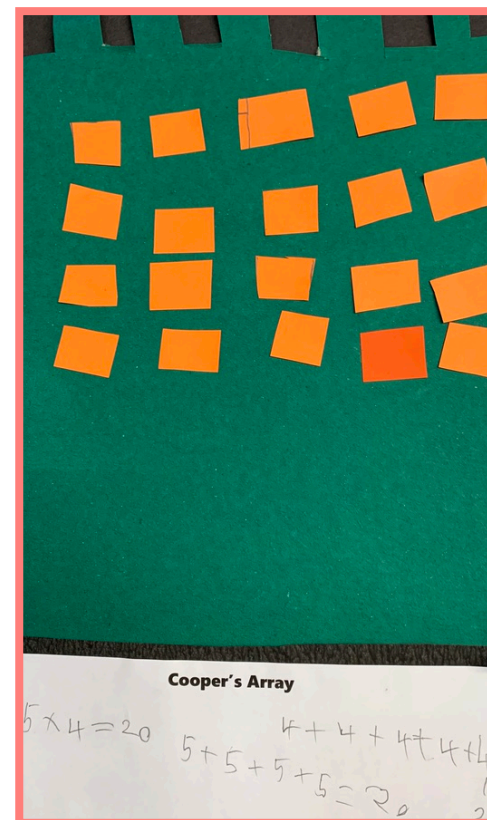
For completing Green Phonics Book - Lucy Tuck

For improvement in writing - Coen Wayne

For working hard on learning the times tables - Baylee Murphy

VALUE AWARDS (Respect)

Lennox Thomson, James Leigh, Lexus Turner-Kingi



Room 3 Maths - We are using a range of counting, grouping and equal-sharing strategies with whole numbers.



Week 4 Certificate Recipients



Coffee and Craft

10am - 4pm @ Kiwitahi Hall

21 Sep, 19 Oct, 16 Nov

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